

Lynchburg Fire & EMS Mission Statement:

"To form partnerships that cultivate a safe environment through education, direction, and resolution to fire, emergency medical, or life safety situations."

Operation Smoke Detector

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**OPERATION
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**A community service project of the
Lynchburg Fire & EMS Department,
in partnership with M/A-COM Wireless Systems**

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The Vision

Operation Smoke Detector is a community service initiative that will enable every home in Lynchburg to have a working smoke detector by October 1, 2002.

This ambitious goal can only be achieved with the support of area businesses, civic groups, and volunteers.

The Plan

Operation Smoke Detector will mobilize hundreds of volunteers who will go door-to-door in neighborhoods throughout Lynchburg. These volunteers will distribute fire safety literature, check smoke detectors, and install smoke detectors in homes without one ... at no cost to residents.

Volunteer crews will also help make Lynchburg Fire & EMS Department aware of residents with special needs (such as individuals who are unable to walk), so those residents can be more effectively served in an emergency.

Lynchburg Fire Facts: Cause for Alarm

Smoke detectors did not become part of local building code requirements until 1990.

Approximately 3,000 homes in Lynchburg are completely without smoke detectors.

Detectors in 3 of every 10 homes do not work.

Half of all fire-related deaths occur in homes without a smoke detector.

Two Ways You Can Get Involved

The task of visiting nearly 20,000 residences, checking smoke detectors in each, and installing a detector in homes lacking one will be a formidable undertaking. You can take part in either—or both—of two ways:

1. Help with Work

All smoke detector inspections and installations will be performed by volunteer crews. Here's how you or your organization would participate in the process:

- Assemble a three-person crew (*Recognition will be given to companies/groups providing the most volunteers!*)
- Receive training
- Schedule work times & locations
- Report to local fire station
- Obtain installation tools and materials
- Install/check detectors
- Document activity with station officer

2. Help with Financing

Total cost for the program is projected at \$150,000 ... to be raised through contributions at the following levels:

Fire Cadet	\$ 1 – \$ 199
Firefighter	\$ 200 – \$ 499
Master Firefighter	\$ 500 – \$ 999
Captain	\$ 1,000 – \$2,499
Battalion Chief	\$ 2,500 – \$4,999
Deputy Chief	\$ 5,000 +
Chief	Top overall contributors